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Curious archivist locates 'lost' art of Gallaudet grad

An old, empty house with boarded-up windows and doors, surrounded by grounds growing wild with weeds. A musty basement full of dusty old crates.

Add a young man with a bent for adventure plus a benevolent older man with a feeling for history.

All the ingredients of a real thriller.

The story began one day two years ago when Mike Olson, Gallaudet's processing archivist, was walking near the Library of Congress. He passed the old house at 322 East Capitol Street. Olson knew the place as Bryant House, the former residence of Arthur Bryant, an 1880 Gallaudet graduate and later art teacher and Baptist minister.

Curiosity prompted Olson to look closer.

From a public notice posted on the old building, Olson learned that the property was owned and being renovated by Orval Hansen, a former U.S. representative from Idaho who now lives in Virginia.

Olson wondered if Hansen was aware of the house's role in Gallaudet's past. He decided to write to Hansen explaining the house's unique historical significance and to ask permission to tour the premises.

Hansen replied by inviting Olson and professor emeritus Francis Higgins to tour the house. Higgins had described Bryant House in his 1985 publication,



Archivist Mike Olson cleans painting of a trout catch by artist Arthur Bryant.

"A History of the Calvary Baptist Church of the Deaf."

The tour revealed 30 "lost" paintings by Bryant and a collection of more than 125 books, all stored in the basement.

"We were especially surprised to find the paintings," said Olson. "Apparently no one knew or remembered that they were there."

Olson described the importance of the artifacts to Hansen and urged him to donate any unwanted items to Gallaudet.

Hansen responded by donating all of Bryant's books and 16 of his paintings. The remaining paintings—portraits of the Bryant family—are now being restored and, when completed, will hang in the renovated house.

When work on the house was completed last summer, Hansen opened it without charge to the deaf community for meetings and social events.

The paintings of rural New England, apparently one of Bryant's favorite subjects, are now part of the Gallaudet archives. One of Olson's jobs is cleaning them. During the cleaning process one painting in particular, a vivid rendering of a trout catch against a muted landscape, struck Olson as familiar.

Later, while searching through an album that once belonged to Bryant, Olson found a photo of the art teacher's Kendall Green studio. There, in the forefront of the century-old photo, was the painting of the trout catch.

Renowned journal returns to campus after 18-year hiatus

The oldest continuing educational publication in the United States is back on Kendall Green.

The *American Annals of the Deaf*, absent from the campus for 18 years, is housed at MSSD.

"Gallaudet is the logical place for the publication to have its offices," said Robert Davila, vice president of Pre-College Programs. "The alliance of the *Annals* and Gallaudet, going back to 1858, is a resumption of a long-standing and mutually rewarding relationship."

The *Annals*, published five times annually, is the official organ of the Conference of Educational Administrators Serving the Deaf (CEASD) and the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf (CAID).

Founded in 1847 by the faculty of the American School for the Deaf (ASD), the *Annals* is also the oldest journal in the world related to the education of deaf people.

When CAID organized in 1850, it assumed responsibility for the publication. CAID continued managing the *Annals* until 1861 when its publication was interrupted by the Civil War.

In 1868, at the first meeting of the Conference of Superintendents and Principals, a proposal was made to revive the *Annals*. That same year, it moved to Gallaudet and stayed for a century.

In 1968, CEASD's national headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland became "home" to the publication.

The list of *Annals*' editors includes such familiar names as Edward Allen Fay, Irving Fusfield, Elizabeth Benson and Powrie V. Doctor. The present editor is McCay Vernon, noted psychologist and faculty member at Western Maryland University. Dr. Vernon has served six consecutive three-year terms as editor since 1969.

An annual directory issue has also been published since the *Annals*' initiation. Edited by William and Helen Craig since 1970, the directory is now called the "Reference Issue."

According to Dr. Davila, who is also president of CEASD, President Jerry C. Lee recently signed a contract with CEASD providing for Gallaudet to publish the next issue of the *Annals*. A long-term contract is being developed.

Plans are underway to provide on-campus editorial and subscription services. An off-campus commercial company will print the *Annals*.

SLIGE sessions to begin Jan. 26

Sign Language Instruction for Gallaudet Employees (SLIGE) will be offered from Jan. 26 to April 6 in Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced sign language, and Fingertalk.

The schedule is as follows:

Beginning I, Mon./Wed., 9-10:30 a.m.; Beginning II, Tues./Thurs., 9-10:30 a.m.; Intermediate I, Mon./Wed., 10:30 a.m.-noon; Intermediate II, Tues./Thurs., 10:30 a.m.-noon; Advanced I, Mon./Wed., 9-10:30 a.m.; Advanced II, Mon./Wed., 9-10:30 a.m.; and Fingertalk, Mon./Wed., 11 a.m.-noon (Section I) or 1-2 p.m. (Section II).

Fingertalk classes are open to students who have completed Intermediate I.

The deadline for registration is Jan. 21 at 4:30 p.m. Application forms are available at Kendall Hall, second floor, or by mail from the Department of Sign Communication secretary, x5200. Evaluation may take place with either Sandra Frankel or E. Lynn Jacobowitz by appointment only.



SBG President Scott Bailey (right) leads a procession from Elstad Auditorium to the statue of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet for the laying of a commemorative wreath in honor of the 199th anniversary of Gallaudet's birth. He was born Dec. 10, 1787 in Philadelphia.



Karen Dickerson, administrative secretary in the Department of Counseling, recently celebrated her 10th anniversary of employment at Gallaudet.

Trip to New Zealand, Australia, Asia helping to keep Gallaudet on the map

Keeping Gallaudet "on the map of higher learning" was one reason husband and wife team, Nancy and Jeff Lewis, had for traveling to New Zealand, Australia, and nine places in Asia earlier this year.

Nancy Lewis, instructor of communication in human relationships at Northwest Campus, taught that course and gave more than 50 deafness-related workshops in New Zealand and Australia.

Jeff Lewis, counseling instructor, joined Nancy in May to co-present workshops in these countries.

The Lewises then continued their tour, visiting schools and organizations for deaf people in Indonesia.

Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Hong Kong, the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Japan and the Philippines.

"The trip was a learning as well as teaching experience," said Jeff. "We learned a lot about the lives of deaf people in those countries, and about how important it is to establish a working relationship with them. These people are hungry for knowledge of sign language and of how they can improve their lives."

One of the problems in those countries is a lack of advocacy for deaf people, said Nancy. "They are far behind the United States in positive attitudes toward deafness, they don't have a 'can do' attitude—a sense of deaf pride. Most of the people I met were shocked that I had so much experience for a deaf person my age."

The Lewises spent the last part of their tour in the Philippines conducting a Deaf Education Training Program for Peace Corps volunteers.

2 issues to be omitted

There will be no *On the Green* Dec. 29 and Jan. 5 because of the winter break. The next issue will be published Jan. 12. The OTG staff wishes everyone a warm and happy holiday.



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Announcements

Arena Stage will present several sign-interpreted performances of this season's plays. "The Piggy Bank" will be presented on Jan. 8; "Crime and Punishment" on Feb. 19; "Glengarry Glen Ross" on March 5; and "The Crucible" on July 19. All shows begin at 8 p.m. For more information or to order tickets, call 484-0247 (TDD) or 488-3300 (V).

The Eastern Athletic Association of the Deaf's 42nd Annual Basketball Tournaments will be held Feb. 27 and 28 and March 1 in Philadelphia, sponsored by the Silent Athletic Club, Inc. Participants are offered reduced fees until Jan. 17. For more information, contact Donna Arble, 8511 Jeannes St., Philadelphia, PA 19111, (215) 742-8442.

Among Ourselves

Pat Spencer Day, a research scientist in the Center for Studies of Education and Human Development in the Gallaudet Research Institute, recently presented a graduate seminar and a faculty colloquium at the University of Pittsburgh. Her paper, "Deaf Children's Expression of Communicative Intentions," appeared in the most recent edition of the *Journal of Communication Disorders*.

Evelyn McClave and Joy Peyton of the ENFI program and Mark Weinberg of the Foreign Language Department spoke at the annual meeting of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages held in Dallas in November. Their topic, "Computer Networking: Gaining Access to the Written Language," had as its special focus the application of networking to the foreign language class.

The Research Society for Victorian Periodicals has appointed Bruce White of the English Department as its bibliographer. He will direct the compilation of the society's annual annotated bibliography of all items concerning Victorian periodicals that appear in approximately 50 academic journals.

Yerker Andersson, professor of sociology and president of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD), presented lessons in Gestuno, the international sign system, at the first conference of the WFD Regional Secretariat in the Asian-Pacific Area held recently in Kyoto, Japan. Delegates from 10 countries attended the conference. Andersson also gave the opening and closing speeches of the conference.

Sponsored R&D

The deadline is Feb. 10 for preliminary proposals for grants from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education.

Proposal narratives are limited to five pages, double-spaced, and three copies are required.

The FIPSE staff will review preliminary proposals within six weeks and then notify those applicants selected to submit final proposals.

Diana Hayman, FIPSE's program officer, will meet with interested Gallaudet faculty and staff to discuss the program on Wednesday, Jan. 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

OSP's staff needs to estimate the interest level of the Gallaudet community as soon as possible so that final arrangements can be made. Anyone interested in attending the FIPSE workshop should call OSP, x5401. The workshop location will be announced later.

Correction

Gallaudet, Hallmark and the NAD sponsored the Nov. 24 evening at the Kennedy Center honoring persons connected with "Love is Never Silent."

met with deaf leaders and was interviewed on television.

Eighteen faculty and staff members of the School for Preparatory Studies (SPS) attended a recent day-long workshop on developing criteria and instruments for the assessment of student learning. The workshop, sponsored by the SPS Department of Technical Studies, was led by Georgine Loacker, a member of the English department faculty at Alverno College, Milwaukee. The workshop focused on plans to assess the entry-level skills of students in the new SPS associate of applied science degree program in office systems, scheduled to begin in January.

Eleanor Hillegeist, an instructor in the Math Department at the School for Preparatory Studies, presented "Combining Computer-Aided Instruction with Traditional Methods of Instruction Using a Computer Network System" at a recent Math Department dinner meeting.

Jobs Available

Some of the advertised staff positions may already be filled. For updated information, call the JOB RECORDING in the Personnel Office, x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

SECRETARIAL POSITIONS: Contact Personnel for listing.

MANAGER, COMPUTER OPERATIONS: Computer Services

DIRECTOR: Residence Life/Student Affairs

TUTORIAL SPECIALIST ASSISTANT: Tutorial Center

TECHNICAL THEATER ASSISTANT: MSSD

GARDENER: Physical Plant

PROJECT ASSISTANT: Personnel

BUSINESS EDUCATION TEACHER: MSSD

ENGLISH TEACHER: MSSD

HEALTH AND SEX EDUCATION TEACHER: MSSD

RESIDENCE EDUCATION ASSISTANT: MSSD Student Life

BOOKKEEPER/DATA ENTRY CLERK: Development Office

TEACHER AIDE: Child Dev. Center

HOUSING OFFICE ASSISTANT: Student Life

MAINTENANCE ENGINEER: Television, Film and Photography

BUS MONITOR: Transportation Department

MATERIAL HANDLER/DRIVER: Business Services

STUDENT DANCE INTERN: Department of Physical Education

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR: Educational Foundations and Research

BIBLIOGRAPHIC INSTRUCTION LIBRARIAN: Library

DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATOR: Student Affairs

PHYSICIAN: Student Health Services

COORDINATOR: Extension and Summer Programs

COORDINATOR, OFFICE OF TRAINING: National Academy

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST: Continuing Education

INTERNAL AUDITOR: Administration and Business

GROUNDSKEEPER: Physical Plant

SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER: MSSD

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: KDES

CHAIR: Department of Sign Communication

COORDINATOR OF RESIDENCE EDUCATION: Student Life